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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. MIGUEL MARTINEZ, OPHTHALMIC
SURGEON AND RESEARCH CONSULTANT

1. DR. MIGUEL MARTINEZ, MEXICAN BORN NATURALIZED
US CITIZEN, EXPECTS ARRIVE WITH WIFE AT CARACAS THIS WEEK
AND WILL CALL AT EMBASSY. HAS BEEN FURNISHED NAMES OF
AMBASSADOR, HIGGINS AND MILLS.

2. ALTHOUGH PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO ARA/NC, DR. MARTINEZ
DISPLAYED IMPRESSIVE CURRICULUM VITAE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY
OF HIS TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS. AS OPHTHALMIC SURGEON
AND RESEARCH CONSULTANT, THESE INDICATE THAT HE HAS
TRAVELLED WIDELY, TAUGHT EXTENSIVELY, AND INVENTED
NUMEROUS INSTRUMENTS AND TECHNIQUES FOR USE IN EYE SURGERY.

3. AS EXPLAINED BY DR. MARTINEZ, HE IS NOW TO VISIT
CARACAS AT REQUEST OF VENEZUELAN COLLEAGUES TO EXPLORE
POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING ADVANCED RESEARCH CLINIC.
HE REPORTS HIGH LEVEL OF VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN THIS PRO-
JECT AND DEPICTS IT AS OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHLY SPECIALIZED
FORM OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. AS SUCH, HE SEES IT AS
POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO US-VENEZUELAN RELATIONS AND
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HOPES TO HAVE CHANCE EXPLAIN IT TO EMBASSY AND US RESIDENT

COMMUNITY. FOR LATTER PURPOSE HE WAS GIVEN NAMES OF
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